



Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **2005 Indiana Archaeology Award-** The 2005 Archaeology Award for outstanding contributions to Indiana archaeology was presented to a state government agency that has, for at least 80 years, been involved with archaeology in Indiana. As early as 1924, the Indiana Historical Commission, later the Indiana Historical Bureau, began publishing the results of archaeological surveys of various counties in Indiana. The award was presented by the DHPA Friday night, October 21, to the Indiana Historical Bureau at the annual Cornelius O'Brien/Indiana Mainstreet conference in Lafayette, Indiana.



Two popular publications about Indiana archaeology that were cooperative projects involving the bureau and the DHPA.

In recent years, the bureau has worked with our Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology in many ways, promoting information and education about Indiana Archaeology; for example, working with the DHPA on two publications about archaeology in their publication series *The Indiana Historian*. Beyond this, they have published a number of publications on archaeology and the history of Native Americans in our state.

They have prepared exhibits on archaeology for Indiana's annual Archaeology Month, and have cooperatively allowed the DHPA to create exhibits for the same in their space in the Indiana State Library. In addition to their historical markers program, which helps protect and provide information about some Native American and archaeological sites, they have a cemetery and Underground Railroad marker program as well. For special programs, such as the celebration of the 225th anniversary of George Rogers Clark and the Fall of Fort Sackville, they invited archaeological participation in a



The Indiana Historical Bureau has hosted several Indiana Archaeology Month exhibits. This photograph shows their exhibit of all 10 years of Indiana Archaeology Week/Month posters.

significant exhibit in the State Library. They also maintain information and sources of research for archaeology on their website, as well as the many documents they have available at their facility.

One of the greatest aids to archaeologists in the DHPA is their cheerful and highly professional help in researching the past, helping find references, guiding us to sometimes obscure archival sources, and generally promoting archaeology. If historical archaeology helps write and interpret history to a great extent through artifacts and their patterns--rather than exclusively through documents--working with the Indiana Historical Bureau through the dimension of historical references is a perfect match in terms of interests, education, and research efforts with this keeper of Indiana's history.

Join us in congratulating the Indiana Historical Bureau, their Director Pam Bennett, and their highly professional staff for a well-deserved honor.

Indiana Historical Bureau Director Pamela Bennett (second from left) accepting the 2005 Indiana Archaeology Award. From left to right- Kyle Hupfer (Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources Director), Pamela Bennett, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Dr. Rick Jones (State Archaeologist) and Jon Smith (Director, DHPA).



- **DHPA representation at the Midwest Archaeological Conference-**

DHPA Research Archaeologist Amy Johnson attended the recent 51st Annual Midwest Archaeological Conference meeting in Dayton, Ohio. The purpose of the Midwest Archaeological Conference is to promote and stimulate interest in the archaeology of the midwestern United States and neighboring areas; to serve as a bond among those interested in this and related subjects; to publish and encourage publication; to advocate and aid in the conservation of archaeological data and to encourage an appreciation and support of archaeological research. Amy was pleased to attend the many informative archaeological sessions and to represent the DHPA at the meeting. Various informational handouts on Indiana archaeology were made available to the meeting attendees in the conference book room.



- **Cultural Resources Management Plan-** Indiana's *Cultural Resources Management Plan 2005-2011* is now available online. Help the DHPA implement the goals for preservation and archaeology in Indiana. Download the plan at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/plan.html>, and be a preservation partner!



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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